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SUBJ: OAU AND LOS

REF: A) STATE 129186 AND 121451 B) KUWAIT 2134 AND 2130

1. EMBOGG CALLED JUNE 21 ON ASSEFA LEGESSE, HEAD OF AFRICAN/
MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT OF ETHIOPIAN MOFA (PROTECT STRICTLY),
PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS AOU DECISIONS ON LOS. WHILE NOT ONE
OF IEG'S EXPERTS ON OS, ASSEFA REPRESENTED IEG ON "COMMITTEE B"
IN MOGADISCIO, WHICH TOOL PRIMARY ACTION ON LOS. ASSEFA CON-
FIRMED EARLIER SECOND HAND REPORTS THAT, IN MOGADISCIO,
AOU HAS IN EFFECT DISAVOWED "NAIROBI DECLARATION" OF
"COMMITTEE OF 77" (CONSIDERED BY MANY AFRICANS TO HAVE BEEN
OVER-INFLUENCED BY LATIN AMERICANS AND HAD REVERTED TO LOS
POSITIONS ADOPTED BY TENTH OAU SUMMIT IN ADDIS ABABA LASTJUNE AS
BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT MAJOR CONTROVERSY
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IN MOGADISCIO WAS OVER UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF LAND-LOCKED

STATES TO INCORPORATE PRINCIPLES OF

"KAMPALA DECLARATION" INTO AOU POSITION. HE REVEALED THAT SOMALIA HAD PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA FROM 12 TO 200 MILES BUT HAD WITHDRAWN PROPOSAL WITHOUT VOTE WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR CONSENSUS WAS AGAINST CHANGE. ASSEFA ASSERTED THAT IN THE END ONLY MINOR TEXTUAL CHANGES HAS BEEN MADE TO ADDIS ABABA TEXT. HE IMPLIED THAT AOU MEMBERS HAS AGREED TO CONSULT CLOSELY IN CARACAS, BUT THAT NO SUCH COMMITMENT WAS MADE REGARDING THIRD WORLD CONSULTATIONS. FINALLY, ASSEFA PROMISED TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO FINAL TEXT ON LOS WHEN IT RECEIVED HERE IN ADDIS, PROBABLY EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. EMBOFF RAISED ISSUE OF PRG AND GRUNK REPRESENTATION AT CARACAS (PER STATE 129186 AND 121451). ASSEFA RESPONDED THAT IEG WELL AWARE OF THIS ISSUE AND FACT THAT UNGA HAD ALREADY TAKEN DECISION ON THIS. IN RESPONSE EMBOFF'S QUESTION, HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH BOTH PRG AND GRUNK "FOREIGN MINISTERS" WERE PRESENT AND ACTIVE IN MOGADISCIO, HE DID NOT FEEL THEY WERE LOBBYING ON SPECIFIC ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION IN CARACAS.

3. IN KEEPING WITH CURRENT AUSTERITY BUDGET, ETHIOPIA WILL SEND ONLY TWO-MAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS. TEAM WILL BE HEADED BY MOFA VICE MINISTER MOHAMED HAMID IBRAHIM, WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN EARLIER LOS CONFERENCES AND WHOSE BIO DATA IS AVAILABLE IN DEP. SECOND MAN WILL BE NAVY LT HAILU MAKONNEN, WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO MEMBER OF MOORE TEAM (REF KUWAIT 2134).

4. WE UNDERSTAND OAU SECRETARIAT WILL FIELD FIVE MAN TEAM, NOMINALLY HEADED BY NEWLY APPOINTED ASST SEC GEN FOR SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS NOUREADDINE DJOUDI (ALGERIA). MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBER WILL BE LEGAL ADVISER E.O. EGBUNIKE (NIGERIA), ALSO KNOWN BY MOORE TEAM (REF KUWAIT 2130). ALSO INCLUDED ARE MANADOU DIARRA (AMLI), HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC DEPARTMENT, AND ABDUL RAHIN MOHAMED DIRAR (SUDAN), ECONOMIC OFFICER. NAME FIFTH MAN NOT YET KNOWN TO US.
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